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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Since the above amendment cancels claim 1, changes dependency of the dependent claims to claim 4 which was earlier indicated as allowable and rewritten in independent form and otherwise address formality-based issues raised in the outstanding final rejection, it is believed that the above amendment puts this case in fully allowed condition and is properly enterable under provisions of Rule 116. Entry of same is respectfully requested.

In response to the objection to claim 4 because of a lack of definition of symbols, claim 4 has been amended above so as to insert still more express definition of the recited variables.

Accordingly, the outstanding objection is now believed to have been mooted.

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. However, since this claim has now been cancelled, this ground of rejection is also believed to have been mooted.

The rejection of claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly having been made "obvious" based on Ledru is also respectfully traversed.

While the above amendment is believed to have mooted this ground of rejection as well, it is also noted for the record that Ledru is not believed to be particularly relevant in any event.

The rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made "obvious" based on Ledru in view of Shirriff in further view of Sides in further view of Mishev is also

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respectfully traversed. Once again, due to the above amendments, it is believed that this ground

of rejection has been mooted. However, it is also respectfully noted that the cited references are

not believed to be particularly relevant and that, in any event, the complicated selective four-way

composition using hindsight in view of applicant's own invention is the antithesis of any

showing of "obviousness" under 35 U.S.C. §103.

The rejection of claims 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made "obvious"

based on Ledrue/Schirriff/Sides in further view of Archibald is also respectfully traversed.

Similar to the above situations, this ground of rejection is now believed to have been mooted.

Furthermore, similar to the above situations, the cited grounds of rejection is not believed to be

particularly pertinent.

In view of the above amendments, it is believed that this entire application is now in

allowable form and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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